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## REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

In reply to the Office Communication mailed September 24, 2003, Applicants make the following amendments.

## <u>AMENDMENTS</u>

## In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 21-35.

Please add new claim 36 as follows in the claims listing below.